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PLATFORM ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATS AFTER THREE DAYS' CONFERENCES

Following is the platform finally adopted by the Democratic territorial committee following three days' conferences, many of which were "star-chamber."

We, the representatives of the Democratic party of the Territory of Hawaii, in committee assembled, reaffirm our devotion and pledges to the principles of the great national Democratic party, and we urge that after many years of continuous struggle against the privilege-seeking and privilege-granting Republican party, a glorious victory for the party has been achieved in the election of President Woodrow Wilson. The Democratic congress, under the wise, progressive leadership of President Wilson coupled with the unvarying and tireless cooperation of the Democratic representatives, has written more constructive and far reaching legislation in the interests of the common people in the statutes of 15 months than was enacted in 15 years of Republican rule. We rejoice in the fact that under this government human rights now prevail over property rights.

The Tariff.
The Democratic party in an almost incredibly short time has made good its promises and pledges to the American people in giving this nation a new tariff law. This tariff law touches the entire commercial life of the nation, and we believe that as patriotic citizens we ought to meet the new conditions in a fair spirit without premature and unjust criticism.

Education.
The public schools of this territory constitute the cornerstone of our democracy, and it is through these schools that the various races in this territory must be welded and molded into American citizenship. We pledge our party to provide for the development of education that shall be of practical value to our boys and girls in making them more efficient in their work and general life duties. We pledge our party in this territory to cooperate with the commission provided for by the present congress for the study of vocational schools to the end that the schools of this territory may be placed in a position whereby they will be entitled to the aid of the federal government for vocational schools.

Government by Commission.
The movement of this territory toward more popular government should be promoted by wise and thoughtful legislation and we disapprove of any plan or plans which involve government by any kind of appointed commission; we declare it to be a matter of party principle in this territory that the present system of carrying on the government of this territory by various boards or commissions ought to be discouraged, and that the work and duty of carrying on all kinds should be delegated only to those persons properly elected for that purpose.

Harbor Improvement.
We again favor a memorial to congress to make an appropriation for the dredging of Kalia Harbor, and by condemnation proceedings, or otherwise, acquire all necessary lands at any place in the territory for the public wharves, to meet the increasing demands for greater shipping accommodations.

Redemption from Execution Sale.
We favor the passage of a law by which a mortgagor, or any debtor, shall have the right to redeem real estate sold under foreclosure of mortgage or execution sale, within one year after such sale, by paying principal, interest and costs.

College of Hawaii.
The College of Hawaii is an institution which it will be the endeavor of a united Democracy to make a worthy "college of the people," thoroughly in keeping with similar colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts found in every state of the union. The Lever bill recently passed by the Democratic congress is an evidence of the attitude of Democracy toward these colleges, and the failure of Hawaii's college of agriculture and mechanic arts to receive the benefits of this bill constitutes an unanswerable indictment of the weak, faltering and utterly incompetent representation of this territory to congress. Due to the absence of the delegate and the wholly inefficient representation of Hawaii in Washington by the Republicans, an exception was made of Hawaii alone in diverting these funds from our local college and thus checking the plans of our college administration to carry on the work of intelligent agriculture abroad in the territory.

Homesteads and Homestead Roads.
We again announce our belief in the principle that the public lands of this territory ought to be given to the citizens. We pledge the Democratic party of this territory to work for the enactment of such legislation, both in congress and in the local legislature, as will tend to facilitate the homesteading of the public lands in such a way as to build up the citizen farmer class of this territory. In connection with the question of homesteading, we believe that one cause of the failure of bona fide homesteading has been the lack of roads. We believe that roads should be built through all homestead tracts hereafter opened. We believe that these roads should be built at the time when such homestead tracts are opened. We therefore pledge our representatives and senators to enact legislation providing for a revolving fund of sufficient size to allow the prompt building of roads as soon as the homestead tracts are opened, the money from the sale of such homestead lots to be turned back into the said revolving fund, so that at all times there may be sufficient funds on

hand to provide for the prompt building of homestead roads.

The Audit of Accounts.
We believe that the present laws with regard to auditing of public accounts are inadequate, and should be amended. We believe in the principle of a territorial audit bureau, whereby the accounts of the territorial departments and the county departments may be efficiently and thoroughly audited from time to time.

Marriage Licenses.
We condemn the present arbitrary manner of appointing marriage license agents by the territorial treasurer, and pledge our party to the enactment of a law authorizing the several county treasurers to handle the issuance of marriage licenses, the fees from which should become county realizations.

Minimum Wage.
We pledge our candidates to the legislature to work for a law which will make the minimum wage two dollars per day for all unskilled labor performed by territorial, county and municipal government employees.

Citizen Labor on Federal Public Work.
We pledge our candidate for Delegate to Congress to work for such measures as will prevent the employment of any but citizen labor on federal government work in Hawaii.

Public Administrator.
We favor the passage of a law by which the duties of public administrator shall be added to those of county treasurer, who, with the advice and assistance of the county attorney, shall act as the local officer of the county in performing the duties of public administrator, without fee or reward, except his salary as county treasurer, as provided for by law.

Equal Suffrage.
We believe in the principle of equal suffrage. We are thoroughly in sympathy with the movement toward that end both on the mainland of the United States and in this Territory. We pledge our candidate for Delegate to Congress to work for an amendment to the Organic Act, so as to promote such legislation as will give the women of this Territory a right to vote. We believe, however, that before such legislation should be undertaken, a plebiscite to determine the wishes of the voters on this question should be held in this Territory. We are compelled to view with suspicion the modesty and timidity of the Republican party in reference to this question.

Cemeteries.
We believe that the reservation or acquisition of suitable plots of ground, convenient to the centers of population should be made in each county for the burial of the indigent dead. The cemetery conditions of the city of Honolulu require thoughtful consideration. Proper regulation should be made, enabling the poor to bury their dead without being compelled to pay such exorbitant charges as are usually exacted by private cemetery companies.

County Government.
We again reiterate our belief in county government, and we pledge our representatives and senators to the enactment of such legislation as may be necessary for the extension of the powers of the different county governments. We favor the creation of an office in each county where deeds, mortgages, etc., shall be recorded, and a provision made for some official of the county to have charge of the same or that a new elective office be created for that purpose.

Taxation.
We believe that the present system of taxation is wrong in theory and in the way it works out in practice. We believe that a valuation of all the property in the Territory, for assessment purposes, should first be made, and that after this valuation, a budget showing the total expenses for the year, both territorial and county, should be made, and upon such assessed valuation and such proposed budget the rate of taxation should be based.

Fisheries.
In our platform of 1912 the following recommendation was made: "We urge upon Congress, and we pledge our candidate for Delegate to Congress so to do, the necessity of appropriating money and to acquire by condemnation if necessary all vested private fishing rights in this Territory, and to open the same for public use."

We further demand enforcement, by the territorial government, of sections ninety-five (95) and ninety-six (96) of the Organic Act, and we urge Congress to provide means to promote fish culture in the seawaters of the Territory.

Statehood.
The repeated assertion in the national platforms of the Democratic party, that the United States should acquire no territory except that which is ultimately destined for statehood strengthens our confidence in ultimate statehood for Hawaii. We charge insincerity on the part of the Republican party in making statements favoring statehood, as expressed in their platform, and as proof of such insincerity we call the attention of the people to the fact that, although clothed with power for a long period of time, both national and local, that party has never introduced a bill in Congress asking for statehood for this Territory. Reiterating our plank for statehood of 1912, we again pledge our Delegate to Congress to introduce a bill at the first opportunity to provide for an act by which Hawaii may be admitted into the Union as a state.

Workman's Compensation Act.
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Detention Home for Juveniles.
We believe that the delinquent children of the community should not be herded with common inebriates and criminals, and to that end we pledge the Democratic members of the coming legislature to provide an appropriation with mandatory direction for the erection and maintenance of a territorial home for the detention of juvenile delinquents in the City and County of Honolulu.

Territorial Marketing Division.
We endorse the efforts being made by the territorial marketing division to assist the small farmer to secure a fair return for the products of his labor, and we pledge our candidates to the legislature to make adequate ap-

propriation for the purpose of maintaining and extending the operations of the territorial marketing division.

Municipal Ownership.
Believing in the principle of government ownership of public utilities, we pledge our senators and representatives that in cases of taking over any property from any franchise holders a physical valuation of such property shall be insisted upon as a basis of settlement.

The Liquor Law.
We have heard no serious complaints against our present liquor law. We do not believe in eternally tinkering with laws that are admittedly good. Neither do we believe in establishing an unknown tribunal with the powers of a court, from which there is no appeal. The law proposed by the Republican platform will be found to be a very dangerous one in practice.

Tax Assessors Elected by People.
We pledge our candidates to the legislature to work for the passage of a law by which tax assessors should be elected by the people in each and every county of the Territory.

Immigration.
We condemn the policy of the Republican party by which they have flooded the Territory with undesirable Filipino laborers.

We demand an immediate repeal of all the laws of the Territory authorizing assisted immigration.

Settlement on Queen.
We pledge our candidates to the legislature to procure a liberal appropriation for Queen Liliuokalani and pledge our candidate for Delegate to Congress to work for a pension for her, following the precedent established by congress in granting a pension to Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. McKinley.

County of Kalawao.
We pledge our candidates to the legislature to work for a liberal appropriation for the unfortunate of the County of Kalawao.

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